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SUMMARY: US PRESENTED PILOT STUDY PROGRESS REPORT, DETAILS OF WHICH FOLLOW BELOW. US CCMS DEL ANNOUNCED THAT 12 COUNTRIES SO FAR PLAN TO ATTEND CCMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROJECT MEETING IN MUNICH MAY 20-24 (GREECE HAS SINCE ADVISED IT UNCLASSIFIED

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TOO WILL BE REPRESENTED (FOR NAME OF GREEK REP SEE BELOW). FRG CCMS DEL TABLED FINAL REPORT ON FRG-LED ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT, FIRST OF PROJECTS IN PILOT STUDY TO REACH COMPLETION. END SUMMARY.

1. US AS PILOT COUNTRY PRESENTED PROGRESS REPORT. PILOT STUDY DIRECTOR DR. ROGER EGEBERG, HEW, DESCRIBED DEVELOPMENTS IN FOUR PROJECT AREAS AS FOLLOWS: A) AUTOMATION OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES (LED BY UK) SUBPROJECT ON AUTOMATION OF CLINICAL LABORATORIES HAS COMPLETED ITS MEETINGS AND IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF DRAWING UP FINAL REPORT. RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS ADDRESSED BY GROUP HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED AND COMMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN REGISTERED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. ALLHOUGH IT WAS EXPECTED THAT FINAL REPORT WOULD BE READY FOR SPRING 1975 PLENARY, IT IS NOW EXPECTED THAT REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION. B) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (LED BY ITALY AND PORTUGAL) ACTIVITIES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROJECT HAVE BEEN PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE. A WORKING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2-24 IN MUNICH, GERMANY. APPROXIMATELY 30 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 12 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AGENDA TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF IMPROVED METHODS FOR LINKING AMBULANCE SERVICES WITH HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING, EMS TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, AND PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY BASED EMS SYSTEMS. PROJECT COORDINATORS NOW EXPECT FINAL REPORT PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO PLENARY SESSION IN OCTOBER . C) SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (LED BY CANADA) DURING THREE MEETINGS (1972, SAN FRANCISCO, USA; 1973, SESIMBRA, PORTUGAL; AND 1974, USA-CANADA), THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR DELEGATES TO COMPARE NORTH AMERICAN ARRANGEMENTS WITH THOSE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. THIS WAS OF PARTICULAR VALUE IN AREAS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, INSURED BENEFITS, UTILIZATION OF SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS OF HEALTH CARE. IT WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT, AT BEST, ONLY SEGMENTS OF PROGRAMS EXAMINED COULD BE UTILIZED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AND USUALLY ONLY WITH CONSIDERABLE MODIFICATION. FOR THIS REASON, IT WAS FELT THAT FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IF INDIVIDUALS OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES COULD RELATE ON A BILATERAL RATHER THAN A GROUP BASIS. FINAL PROJECT REPORT WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NEXT PLENARY IN OCTOBER 1975. D) ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES (LED BY FRG). SEE PARA 2, BELOW.

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2. FRG(MANGER-KOENIG), AS LEAD COUNTRY FOR ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT, TABLED FINAL PROJECT REPORT. BOTH THE FRG REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ARE NOW READY TO BE SUBMITTED (ALONG WITH RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER HEALTH CARE PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION) TO THE FALL 1975 CCMS PLENARY FOR ADOPTION. US (EGEBERG) NOTED THAT TRANSLATION AND PRINTING OF FRG REPORT IS NOW UNDERWAY IN HEW. THE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS CALL FOR CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES LEGISLATION, PLANNING AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, AND PERIODIC MEETINGS OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

3. FOLLOWING ABOVE US AND FRG PRESENTATIONS, THERE WAS GENERAL DISCUSSION BY FRG, ITALIAN AND US DELEGATES ON NECESSITY OF NATO COUNTRIES OVERCOMING VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM POSED BY SOARING HEALTH COSTS IF THEY ARE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THEIR CITIZENS.

4. GREEK NATO DEL, IN LETTER TO MISSION RECEIVED AT CONCLUSION OF PLENARY, STATED THAT GREEK REP TO FORTHCOMING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEETING IN MUNICH WILL BE PROFESSOR NICOLAOS MATSANIOTIS, HEAD OF THE CHILDRENS CLINIC OF ATHENS UNIVERSITY.
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